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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
sending a request for information from an interactive device to a first recipient;
sending a request from said first recipient to said interactive device, requesting
said interactive device to identify more information about a specific query to be made to
said request to query a publicly accessible source of information;
at said first recipient, using information from said request to query a publicly
accessible source of information;
receiving results from querying said source of information;
reformatting said results into a new form; and
sending said results in said new form to said interactive device.
2. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein said reformatting said
information comprises assembling a message which includes some, but not all, of the
information received from said publicly accessible source of information.
3. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein said reformatting comprises
reformatting said information into a text message.
4. Cancelled
5. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein said interactive device also
stores personal information associated with a user of the interactive device, and

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wherein said sending comprises sending a request for information which includes some of said personal information.

6. (Original) A method as in claim 5, wherein said personal information which is sent includes logon information and a password.

7. (Original) A method as in claim 6, further comprising signifying to said source of information an indication to purchase a product.

8. (Original) A method as in claim 5, wherein said source of information indicates a user's bank balance.

9. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
sending a request for information from an interactive device to a first recipient;
at said first recipient, using information from said request to query a publicly accessible source of information;
receiving results from querying said source of information;
reformatting said results into a new form;
sending said results in said new form to said interactive device;
wherein said reformatting said information comprises assembling a message which includes some, but not all, of the information received from said publicly accessible source of information; and
wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said information according to a prestored template.

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10. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 9, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said information into an XML form.

11. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
an e-mail communication element, capable of communicating by e-mail with a plurality of remote devices;
a processing element, receiving a request for information from a publicly available source via said e-mail communication element, and formatting said request into a format that will be responded to by said publicly available source, commanding that said request be sent to said publicly available source, and receiving information from said publicly available source, and reformatting said information into another format, and sending reformatted information to said e-mail communication element; and wherein said reformatting comprises formatting said request into an HTML format of a type that is recognized by a publicly available web page, and receiving an HTML response, and wherein said reformatting comprises assembling a message with some, but not all, of the information from said response.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 11, wherein said reformatting comprises changing said HTML response into another format.

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14. (Original) A system as in claim 13, wherein said another format is a text format.

15. Cancelled

16. (Original) A system as in claim 11, wherein said processor also receives personal identification information, and uses said personal identification information to form said request, including logon information.

17. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
receiving a request from a first client for information from a publicly available source of information that requires information to be sent to the publicly available source of information in a specified form;
sending a request to said first client for more detail about said request;
formatting the request from the first client into the specified form;
sending the request in the first specified form to the publicly available source of information, and receiving the information therefrom; and
reformatting the information and sending the reformatted information to the first client.

18. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein said request from said first client includes personal logon information, and said specified form includes said logon information including at least a user login name and a password.

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19. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting the information into an XML format.

20. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein said reformatting the information comprises reformatting the information into a text format.

21. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
sending a text message, from an e-mail pager, to a specified address, said text message including text content indicating an action that the user wants to carry out on the Internet;
second sending a text message back to said email pager; and
after said second sending, at a computer associated with said specified address, translating said text message into an actual operation to be carried out on the Internet, and carrying out said operation on the Internet, and returning a result from said operation on the Internet to said e-mail pager.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 21, wherein said second sending is a request for confirmation of contents of said action.